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The threat of a storm and record flooding in the Okanagan has residents trying to protect homes that could be evacuated.

Parts of the area that were flooded last weekend are so saturated that water levels will quickly rise with little rain, said Adrian Nieoczym, information officer with the Regional District of the Central Okanagan.

He said Environment Canada has forecast a severe thunderstorm that could bring 25 millimetres of rain by Friday morning, but snow melt prompted by warm weather is expected to worsen conditions.

"The possibility is that we could have a one-in-200-year flooding event," Nieoczym said after the regional district issued a news release advising residents that the risk of flooding within hours was very high.

"There are two creeks that run through Kelowna that we're most concerned about, that's Mission Creek and Mill Creek," he said.

"Judging by the number of calls we're getting, I'd say people are quite concerned," he said, adding residents are asking about ways to protect their property.

Crews were building up dikes as sand and sandbags were dropped off at several locations with help from 112 people from the wildfire service, Nieoczym said.

The main communities under threat are Peachland, Kelowna, West Kelowna, West Bank, Lake Country and Vernon. An emergency services reception area has opened in Kelowna for evacuees to register and get vouchers for accommodation, Nieoczym said.

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Plan to ban cetaceans released

ANIMAL WELFARE

Three left at aquarium can stay, but shows are forbidden

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Park Board has released a draft of its proposed bylaw amendment that would prevent the Vancouver Aquarium from bringing new cetaceans into the park, while allowing it to keep the three that currently live in the aquarium.

The aquarium called the decision "incomprehensible," reiterating its argument that the ban would result in the deaths of stranded whales that may otherwise have been saved.

But park board chair Michael Wiebe pointed out the aquarium already committed to not keeping orcas in captivity and that the board is now telling the aquarium to do the same with all cetaceans.

A staff report on the proposed ban makes the board's intentions clear. It reads: "The proposed amendment will not allow any cetacean importation into Vancouver parks — no exceptions."

The aquarium is home to three cetaceans: Chester, a false killer whale; Daisy, a harbour porpoise; and Helen, a white-sided dolphin.

"We came up with a compassionate decision that we would allow for the three cetaceans to stay at the aquarium for the longevity of their life," said Wiebe.

Vancouver Aquarium CEO John Nightingale said the bylaw is not compassionate enough.

"It's great that the park board is not going to turf them, but clearly in the future there will be lots more cetaceans that need to be rescued, and this prevents that."

The amendment would also ban the aquarium from putting on shows or performances with those cetaceans, something the aquarium currently offers on a daily basis, according to its website.

But Nightingale says the word "show" is a misnomer and that the aquarium intends to continue putting on what he calls "visitor engagement and learning" sessions, even if the bylaw amendment is enacted May 15.

"We don't do shows. We never have. We feed our animals. We exercise them. We train them. And while that is going on, we interpret that to the public," he said.

"We've never done shows in the conventional sense that people have fixed in their mind from visits in parks in California."

Wiebe says that while aquarium staff can continue feeding the whales, they will not be allowed to ask the whales to perform anymore.

He emphasized the cetacean ban is not meant to be punitive; the park board wants to continue working with the aquarium to rescue animals, he said. He highlighted a recent incident in which park-board staff helped aquarium staff rescue a sea lion found at Spanish Banks.

But that's exactly the kind of second chance cetaceans won't have anymore if the ban is put in place, said Nightingale.

"(The sea lion) is totally blind. Probably, it can't go back and live in nature," he said.

"It can probably live here because the park board hasn't passed a bylaw banning that."

Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the proposed bylaw amendment on May 15.

A Vancouver Aquarium trainer interacts with Chester the false killer whale on April 27. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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> John Nightingale

BACKGROUND

The park board unanimously voted to ban cetaceans in captivity March 9 following the **sudden death of two belugas** at the aquarium in November, re-igniting the captive cetacean debate.

Council balks at bylaw changes

ROADS

Proposal lets engineers make changes without OK

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

One Vancouver city councillor is "very uncomfortable" with proposed bylaw changes that would let engineers make changes to roads without approval from council.

A report going to council Tuesday seeks bylaw revisions and expanded delegated authority "to facilitate more efficient delivery of important Complete Street improvements" under the city's Transportation 2040 plan.

Such changes could include removing traffic lanes or parking spaces to make room for widened sidewalks or cycling infrastructure.

The city's director of transportation planning, Dale Bracewell, told Metro the existing Street and Traffic Bylaw dates back to 1944, when Vancouver was more "car-centric", and is in need of modernizing.

If approved, the changes would let crews make small "one-off intersection" and "spot" improvements to local streets without the need for reports to council and approval, he said.

"We're bringing this to council to present an opportunity to be more efficient in how we're trying to create more mobility and safe and efficient streets," Bracewell said.

What he doesn't want to do, Bracewell said, is to take away council's decision-making power over large-scale controversial projects, like bike lanes on Commercial Drive or blocking vehicle access to Point Grey Road.

"Any time there's essentially a project that has a large effect on the transportation network, the expectation is we're still coming to council on resolution on those," he said. "We as staff all feel more comfortable when those ones are actually made by city council itself."

But Bracewell admitted the proposed bylaws don't set any parameters over which kind of project do or don't need council's approval before going forward.

Coun. George Affleck. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Given the intense public backlash over Point Grey Road, Commercial Drive, a proposed bike lane through Kitsilano beach and reduced parking around Vancouver General Hospital, Non-Partisan Association councillor George Affleck told Metro he's not comfortable with staff making any similar road use changes in the future without city council's oversight.

"It's a great way for Vision Vancouver to avoid having to talk about bike lanes ever again. It would make me very uncomfortable," said Affleck. "In my mind, the buck stops at council. Decisions on major developments, how we build our city, streets … those kind of decisions should be discussed in public with council oversight. That's our job and when we start skipping that process, we're in big trouble."

Affleck said he voted in favour of the city's long-term Transportation 2040 plan with the understanding council would be the ones making "decisions on specific details as they move forward."

"(The bylaw revisions) go against what I believe was the intention of that plan and why I supported it," he said. "Changing a speed bump is one thing. But if you're changing and getting rid of a lane or parking for bike lanes, making change that has significant impact not only on the neighbourhood but the city at large, city council should be making a decision on it."

According to the staff report, the bylaw amendments give the city engineer delegated authority to reallocate public right of ways for different modes and uses, divert general motor traffic from streets and reroute transit routes onto different streets, with the support of TransLink.

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An intoxicating placebo

STUDY

Believing a drink has Red Bull makes you feel more drunk

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A new UBC study shows that advertising can make people think an energy drink has intoxicating qualities when it doesn't. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

It's all in your head, according to new UBC research that shows the idea of drinking energy drink mixed with alcohol is enough to make someone act drunker than usual, even if there isn't a single drop of Red Bull in the drink.

"If you believe that mixing energy drinks and vodka will make you even more drunk, which is what most people believe, then you will feel more drunk just because of your belief," said Yann Cornil, an assistant professor at UBC's Sauder School of Business.

He gave 145 study participants exactly the same cocktail of vodka, Red Bull, and fruit juice. The drinks were labelled with one of three stickers: vodka-Red Bull cocktail, vodka cocktail, or exotic cocktail.

Participants were then put in front of several computer simulations, including a gambling scenario and another where they are on a date.

Those that drank from glasses labelled "vodka-Red Bull" both acted and reported feeling more drunk, demonstrating a placebo effect, said Cornil.

"Even though everyone had drunk exactly the same drink mix, the ones who drank the ones labelled Vodka-Red Bull reported feeling more drunk," he said.

Those participants also took more risks and acted with more sexual self-confidence, he explained.

Policymakers should discourage or even ban energy-drink companies from creating taglines like "Red Bull gives you wings" or "unleash the monster," he said. That kind of messaging is dangerous because the idea alone is enough to cause drinkers to take more risks when they believe they are consuming the drink, said Cornil.

"The reason why people expect that mixing energy drinks with alcohol will make them more impulsive is because of these marketing practices," he said.

> **It's problematic especially in very young students who mix alcohol and energy drinks at parties.**
> Yann Cornil

"It's problematic especially in very young students who mix alcohol and energy drinks at parties."

He hopes this new information will help authorities create better regulation for energy drink companies. Until now, policymakers only had pharmalogical data to go on, he explained. His new study shows there is a psychological effect as well.

A University of Victoria study revealed the risk of injury is 20 times greater for people who drink energy drinks mixed with alcohol. But the silver lining in the UBC study is those who believed their glass contained energy drink were less likely to drive in the simulation.

"Emphasizing the energy drink in the cocktail made the participants less likely to drive," said study co-author Aradhna Krishna, marketing professor at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

"It seems that drunk-driving education is working enough to make people think hard about driving when they are feeling drunk."

Future studies may test these findings on people of different genders, sexual orientations, and ages, said Cornil.

All the participants in the study were young heterosexual men.

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A deep dive into the housing crisis

DOCUMENTARY

Filmmaker aimed to do well what talk radio does so poorly

Jen St. Denis
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No Fixed Address looks at how the city came to have some of the most expensive real estate in the world — and how that's impacted residents. CONTRIBUTED

Vancouver-based filmmaker Charles Wilkinson normally makes films about environments under threat: Past subjects have included the oilsands, the far north and Haida Gwaii.

"I woke up one morning thinking that my environment is here," he said.

"According to the voices we hear in the media and also in every coffee shop and laundromat in the city all the time, this environment is also under a serious threat because of commercial overexploitation."

Wilkinson is tackling Vancouver's roaring housing boom in his latest documentary, No Fixed Address. The film premiered at Toronto's documentary festival, Hot Docs, on May 2. Starting May 19, the film will start a two-week run in Vancouver at Vancity Theatre. Panel discussions will accompany the May 19, 20 and May 25 showings.

Wilkinson's aim in making the film was to do the "opposite of talk radio, where people who know the least, talk the most."

"We sat down and shortlisted the things people say when they talk about this issue: People will say it's all the fault of Vancouver (being) such a beautiful city, so it's supply —that's one. Or, it's the government's fault, they're not doing anything, that's another one. The other one is race — it's the Chinese, they're taking over our city."

The filmmakers then sought out experts to tackle those explanations, including David Ley, a sociologist at the University of British Columbia, journalists Sandy Garossino and Sam Cooper, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson, and real estate marketer Bob Rennie.

They also talk to people who have been directly affected by the crisis, like Maurice, who lives in a van on the beach, or Margaret, a retired insurance executive now struggling to hang on in Vancouver's West End following the death of her husband.

Wilkinson hopes his film both informs and sparks discussion about the housing crisis.

"The conversation about housing has tended to be extremely negative — and for good reason," he said.

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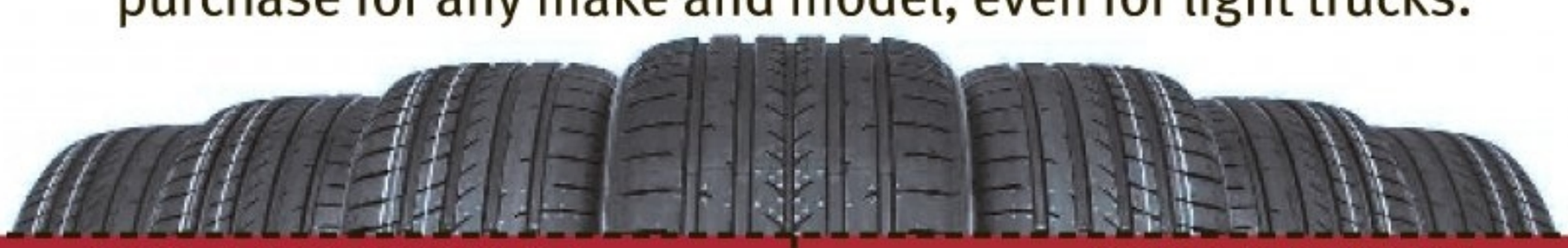

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David P. Ball
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Regardless of the outcome after Elections B.C. counts roughly 175,000 absentee ballots, a few of Tuesday's wins are certain — and the legislature will see fresh faces when it sits again. Here are a few of the newest MLAs:

THE TRUCK DRIVER

Dan Davies (Peace River North)

The B.C. Liberal candidate is also a part-time truck driver who has served as a Canadian Forces reservist for 22 years. He's also been a Fort St. John city councillor since 2005, grew up in the Peace Region, and won Queens Diamond Jubilee medal.

THE FIELD HOCKEY CHAMP

Ravi Kahlon (Delta North)

The newest New Democrat apparently thrives in a competitive environment. At 37, the former banker's a two-time Olympic field hockey player, won gold at the 2007 Pan American Games, and competed at every level of sport in the world.

THE TV REPORTER

Jas Johal (Richmond-Queensborough)

After starting in journalism at CKNW radio, he was a high-profile Global News TV reporter for more than 20 years and won top journalism awards before jumping to the B.C. LNG Alliance in 2014. He won his first foray into politics, while the other former Global TV personality running with the B.C. Liberals, Steve Darling, didn't make the cut.

THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT

Lisa Beare (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)

The Air Transat employee has soared to new heights with her B.C. NDP win, after years sitting on her local school board.

She's also been a vice-president of her flight attendants' union, and formerly headed up the Vancouver Chapter of Women in Aviation.

+ THE 'GREENEST' ROOKIES

Andrew Weaver's party went from solo show to a caucus. Here are the two new faces.

The Dragons' Den contestant — Adam Olsen (Saanich North-The Islands)
The Green Party B.C.'s former leader and two-term Central Saanich city councillor hails from Tsartlip First Nation. He's been a vocal opponent of a proposed liquefied natural gas plant near Mill Bay. He co-owns his family's hand-made wool clothing business — even competing on CBC's Dragons' Den in 2013.

The activist — Sonia Furstenau (Cowichan Valley)
As leader of Save Shawnigan Water Community Action Group, the former high school teacher is best known for helping spearhead the successful activist campaign against a contaminated soil dump near Shawnigan Lake.

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Barbecue you can bike to — and from

FOOD NOTES

Whiskey Six BBQ is an outpost worth the travel

Abby Wiseman
For Metro

I try to see the good in the shifting demographic landscape that is Vancouver. When one neighbourhood haunt closes down on Main Street, another opens up or moves to Hastings-Sunrise. It's unfortunate, but it's become a reality.

What I do love the most about the times we live in is that some of the best food in the city can now be found on the outskirts.

Whiskey Six BBQ is a prime example of this shift. Located at 826 Renfrew St., on the Adanac bike route, it's an outpost, in an under-served residential neighbourhood.

Owner Marc D. Wicks was operating out of the Hawkers Mercado at McArthurGlen Designer Outlets in Richmond before setting up a brick and mortar shop. He and chef Josh McWilliams specialize in making tasty barbecue using as many local ingredients as possible, right down to their pickles and house-made mustard.

I tried two sandwiches — Crispy Chicken and Whiskey Brisket — with a side of sautéed kale, then washed it down with a bottle of lychee kombucha from Biota Kombucha.

The brisket was sliced not pulled, which I haven't had in a while. It was lightly smoked with hickory flavours coming through. Served on a brioche bun from my favourite bakery, Fife Bakery, and topped with coleslaw. The smokiness of the brisket was calmed by the cooling coleslaw. The bun did a nice job of absorbing the fat and containing the wet ingredients so nothing felt heavy or greasy. Wicks suggested I dip the sandwich in the side of the homemade barbecue sauce, which packed a little heat, or slather on some whole grain mustard. The brisket sandwich was tops and at $12, a good lunch investment.

The organic Beef Brisket sandwich from Whiskey Six BBQ comes sliced, not pulled. ABBY WISEMAN/FOR METRO

The Crispy Chicken Sandwich was juicy and tender, with a light batter that didn't taste greasy. A side of house-made hot sauce gave it a nice kick. The meat was chicken breast, and not so big that you felt that greasy grossness in the pit of your stomach. In fact I ate both sandwiches, then rode my bike for two kilometres.

The kale was a nice complement to the sandwiches because it was hearty, but healthy and didn't add extra fat to the meal. Both sandwiches were paired with a tangy and spicy pickle made from local producer, the Pickle Baron, who happened to wander in while I was eating. That's the great thing about these local joints, they create a sense of community.

The space itself is warm and inviting with wood tables, slate blue walls and a few taxidermy friends. Perhaps my favourite feature was looking across the street to a Buddhist commune decorated with messages of peace and monks tending to the garden.

Overall, I found the experience calming, welcoming and delicious. I recommend you stop there next time you're on the Adanac bike route.

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Signalling an evolution in car, bike shares

VANCOUVER TRENDING

Ridesharing offers variety, flexibility and comfort to get around town

Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

Today's city dweller might bike to work on a Mobi, then book a Modo hybrid for an evening hike in North Van.

A growing demand for variety and flexibility in urban transportation is leading to innovative changes. For Vancouverites who would rather avoid the expense or environmental footprint of car ownership, there is a multitude of vehicle-sharing options including Modo, Evo, Car2Go, and Zipcar.

For cyclists, the Mobi bike share program means they can hop on a bike under the Cambie Street Bridge and head to Granville Island after work to shop for dinner at the market. Perhaps the most unique vehicle share in the city is Veemo, a fleet of electric tricycle velomobiles, enclosed bicycles that look like cars but function like electric bikes.

With electronic entry, a navigation system, safety-conscious plastic windows and windshield, comfortable seating, and even storage space, the Veemo is hyper-modern — a streamlined vehicle that hints at an environmentally friendlier future.

According to Kody Baker, CEO of VeloMetro, "We were inspired by some other enclosed electric bikes that were on the market at the time, but saw a strong opportunity to improve upon their designs."

Veemo is for anyone who "lives, works and plays in the city and wants flexible personal transportation without the usual torment of urban travel," said Baker. Many young adults are delaying getting their driver's licence or "are not interested in getting one at all," he said.

> **No balance, sweat, or special clothing needed.**
> Kody Baker

Concerns about climate change, increasing interest in active lifestyles, and improvements in bike lane infrastructure add to Veemo's appeal, he said.

Despite a reputation as all-season sport enthusiasts, many Vancouverites are "fair weather cyclists who want a better way to get around the city when the weather's not great, when we're wearing nicer clothes, don't want our bike stolen or vandalized, or need some significant cargo capacity," said Baker.

Veemo's design is meant to be intuitive. It has handlebars, hand brakes and pedals familiar to cyclists. "No balance, sweat, or special clothing needed," said Baker. Top speed is 32 km/h with electric assist. He said their vehicles appeal equally to millennials and boomers; the former like the noncommittal ease, and the latter are drawn to a safe form of an active sport.

The University of B.C. is a test market and interest is quickly growing for a form of transport that can get students around the vast campus quickly and in style. For now, people can sign up for the online newsletter at rideveemo.com.

Baker expects to open the service up for general registration "in the very near future."

Veemo's ultimate goal is "to convert 60 per cent of the city's population into users of active transportation." Baker noted that benefits include "healthier cities, less congestion, cleaner air, and stronger connection to community."

The Veemo, an electronic-assisted, enclosed tricycle is being test marketed at the University of B.C. CONTRIBUTED

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Brace for disasters more often: PM

CLIMATE CHANGE

Canada needs to build to be more 'resilient,' Trudeau says

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is sounding the alarm on the frequency and intensity of natural disasters in Canada, which have pushed Ottawa's bills for federal help to $360 million a year since 2011.

The numbers clearly suggest a dramatic escalation in the frequency and severity of natural calamities, a theme Trudeau echoed Thursday after embarking on a helicopter tour of flood-ravaged western Quebec.

"We're going to have to understand that bracing for a 100-year storm is maybe going to happen every 10 years now or every few years," the prime minister said after his helicopter tour with Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard. "That means as we look to rebuild our communities, our homes, our infrastructures, we're going to have to think about what we can do to rebuild better, to rebuild in ways that are going to be more resistant, more resilient to the unpredictability we are now living."

Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale also said Canadians will have to get used to climate change-fuelled disasters, and quickly — including by planning buildings and communities to minimize the risk of damage in the first place.

"The objective should be, rather than expecting to spend so much after the fact cleaning up, we should look for all of those opportunities to invest in mitigation and adaptation before the fact so that the losses will be minimized," Goodale said.

Since the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program was launched in 1970, it has handed over $4.1 billion to the provinces to help foot the recovery bill in the wake of 240 storms, fires, and spring floods.

Almost half of it — $1.8 billion — was since 2010, says the March report, which does not include figures for at least 17 events that occurred since 2014 because they hadn't yet been designated as eligible for assistance. Fully one-fifth of the eligible disasters took place between 2010 and 2014.

Rivers and lakes between Gatineau and Montreal are currently at 50-year peak levels, flooding more than 4,100 residences and forcing 3,000 people from their homes. Hundreds more are affected in Ontario communities along the Ottawa River.

The Disaster Financial Assistance program ensures Ottawa pays for up to 90 per cent of the clean up and recovery from eligible natural disasters — and a review of the program last year shows costs have risen.

Between 1970 and 1995, the average annual payment under disaster financial assistance was $10 million. Between 1996 and 2010 it was $110 million and between 2011 and 2016 it was $360 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Gatineau MP Steve McKinnon look on as PM Justin Trudeau speaks to media after a tour of a flooded area of Gatineau, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ELECTION 2019

Canadian spies look for election 'vulnerabilities'

The Communications Security Establishment has begun a promised review into the risks of foreign interference in the 2019 election, Torstar has learned.

CSE, Canada's signals intelligence and cyberdefence agency, is conducting a "risk assessment" into how vulnerable Canadian elections are to foreign hacking and information operations.

The review was ordered by the Liberal government in February, as the scope of Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election was being made public by American intelligence agencies.

"CSE has been asked to provide a threat assessment of the cyber threat environment as it relates to the Canadian democratic process, including the electoral system," said Ryan Foreman, a spokesman for CSE.

The review is unlikely to focus on the security of the actual vote, which still relies on pens and paper rather than electronic voting. The greater risk is likely the kind of information campaigns seen in the U.S. and the recent French presidential election.

In both countries, Russian-backed hackers have been accused of releasing damaging information about candidates in support of rivals friendlier to the Kremlin.

U.S. intelligence officials have publicly asserted that the information campaign was an explicit attempt to discredit Hillary Clinton and support President Donald Trump.

In France, newly-elected President Emmanuel Macron's team told the New York Times they experienced similar hacking attempts — but set up dummy email accounts with fake documents to confuse the hackers. A cache of nine gigabytes worth of Macron's team's documents, with mundane authentic documents mixed in with the fakes, did not prevent Macron from handily winning Sunday's election. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CSIS

PM Justin Trudeau says David Vigneault, a senior official with experience at several federal security agencies, will be the next head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. Vigneault will assume the post June 19.

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Trump concedes he lied about why he fired Comey

POLITICS

U.S. president abandons his rationale for the decision

Over and over, for two days, U.S. President Donald Trump, Vice-President Mike Pence and the rest of their administration said Trump fired FBI director James Comey only at the recommendation of a senior official in the Department of Justice.

Trump conceded Thursday that they were all lying.

Abandoning his entire public rationale for the stunning decision on Tuesday, Trump told NBC anchor Lester Holt that he was planning to fire Comey even before he met with Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein.

"He's a showboat, he's a grandstander. The FBI has been in turmoil. You know that, I know that, everybody knows that," Trump told Holt in an interview.

U.S. President Donald Trump appears on NBC on Thursday. SCREENGRAB

Former FBI director James Comey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

His comments deepen the credibility crisis facing an administration that has made lying a habit. And they further call into question the democratic legitimacy of his decision to terminate the man in charge of an investigation into whether his campaign associates colluded with Russian meddling in the presidential election.

The administration had implausibly insisted that Trump had grown dismayed about Comey's unfair treatment of Hillary Clinton last year — that he was merely agreeing with the independent concerns Rosenstein expressed to him in a meeting on Monday and in a written memo.

In Trump's own letter to Comey, he said he was "accepting" a recommendation from Rosenstein and Sessions.

But Trump gave an entirely different explanation to Holt.

"I was going to fire Comey. My decision," he said. "It was not — I was going to fire Comey. There's no good time to do it, by the way."

In another remarkable revelation in the interview — for which there is no current proof — Trump said he asked Comey directly to tell him, if "possible," whether he is under investigation. Comey, he said, told him he is not. Anonymous Comey associates have told U.S. media outlets that Comey never told Trump he was not being investigated.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FALLOUT

No probe interference tolerated: Acting FBI chief

On the spot as the FBI's new acting director, Andrew McCabe assured senators Thursday he will alert them to any effort to interfere with the investigation into Russia's election meddling and possible ties with President Donald Trump's campaign.

Trump's firing of FBI director James Comey on Tuesday has led Democrats and others to raise concerns about the future of the investigation. But McCabe, speaking publicly for the first time since his former boss' ouster, said there has been "no effort to impede our investigation."

"You cannot stop the men and women of the FBI from doing the right thing," he said. He also said he would not inform the White House about developments in the probe.

Days before he was fired, Comey requested more resources to pursue his investigation, U.S. officials said, fuelling concerns that Trump was trying to undermine the probe.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COMMISSION

Executive order targets claims of voter fraud

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Thursday launching a commission to review alleged voter fraud and voter suppression, building upon his unsubstantiated claims that millions of people voted illegally in 2016.

The White House said the president's "Advisory Commission on Election Integrity" would examine allegations of improper voting and fraudulent voter registration in states and across the nation. The commission will report back to Trump by 2018.

Trump has alleged, without evidence, that three million to five million people voted illegally in his 2016 election against Democrat Hillary Clinton. He has vowed since the start of his administration to investigate voter fraud. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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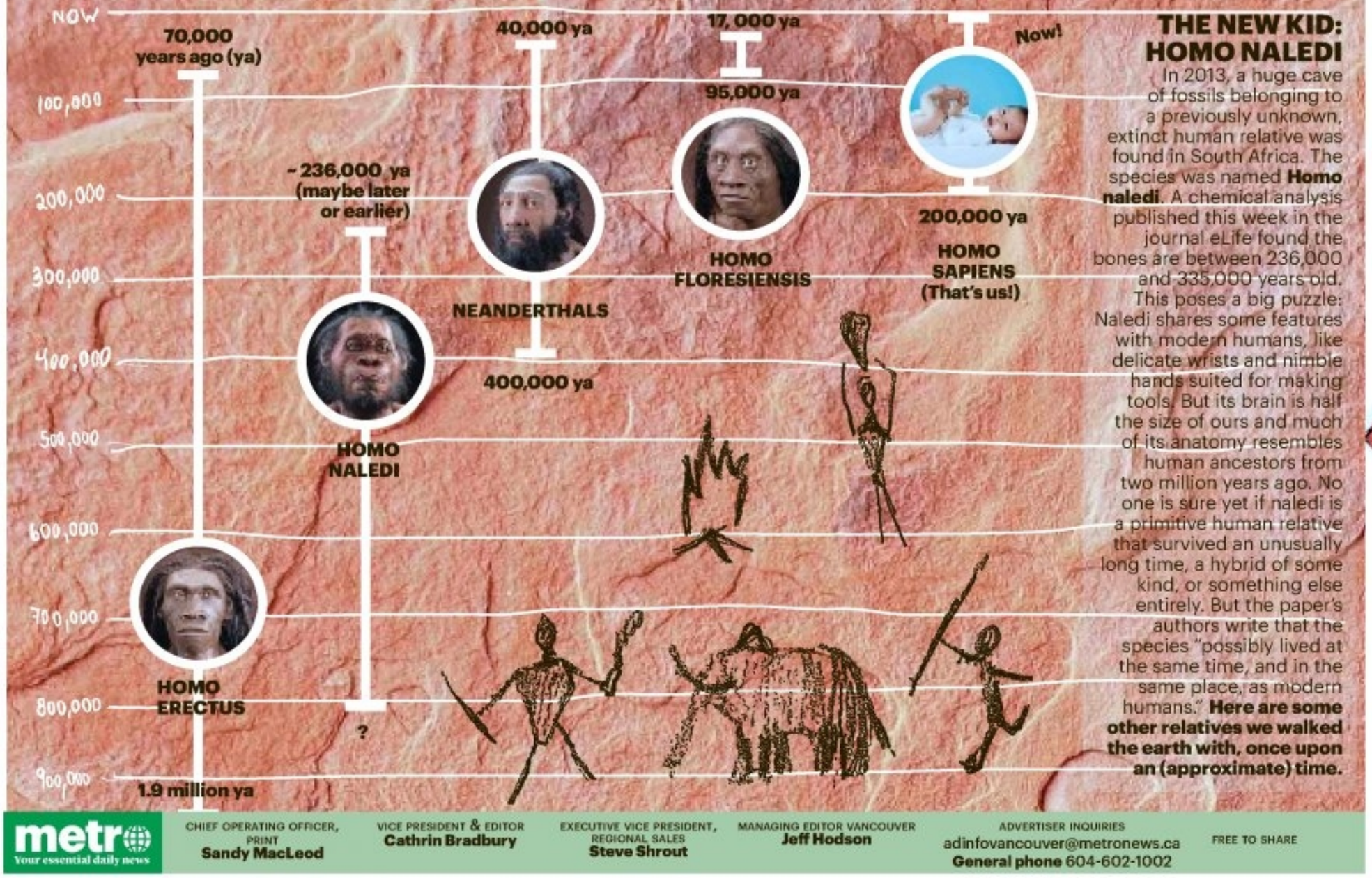
The "March of Progress" image, where the knuckle-dragging ape transitions to upright modern man, doesn't tell the whole story. For much of our species' history, ***Homo sapiens*** co-existed with other close relatives in the genus Homo. Like us, they were tool-makers, fire-controllers, maybe even storytellers. But they weren't ***us***, exactly. And now our family tree has a new branch.



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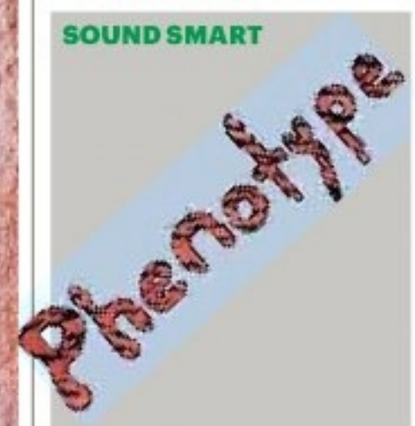

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IN FOCUS

On media duty, King Arthur's main men are sharp as swords

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Charlie Hunnam (right) is the yang to his King Arthur director Guy Ritchie's yin — when it comes to promotional work. CONTRIBUTED

Guy Ritchie's films have entertained me for years but I'm afraid he didn't find me very interesting.

The incident happened during my press day with Ritchie and Charlie Hunnam, the director and star of King Arthur: Legend of the Sword. I first spoke with them for television. Hunnam answered my opening question about the film Excalibur, a precursor to their movie, enthusiastically. But I could feel Ritchie disengage. He sat back and went into autopilot, answering my questions by rote. The rest of the interview flew by in a flurry of quips and tossed off answers.

Half-an-hour later I sat with them again to do a longer interview for print.

"I'm glad we can make amends," said Hunnam as I came in the room. "It seemed like you wanted to have a proper conversation and we were having a bit of a jolly up."

The whole experience was an example of the yin and yang of movie promotion. The yin was Ritchie, an intense man who refers to the walking a red carpet as "a dog and pony show" before adding that's not what he's here for.

The yang is Hunnam, an engaging actor who said, "We don't make these things to live on in obscurity, we make them with the hope that people will see them and this is one of the ways we can help manifest that."

The duo have been all over the world talking to media people with perfectly coiffed hair and big smiles, answering the same questions on repeat. By the time I get them there's nothing new to ask about their update of the Arthurian legend. But there is an unspoken contract between my interview subjects and me.

Whether it's for television or for the paper you hold in your hands, the deal is the same. They say something interesting and I report it. They get publicity and I get a story that my audience will hopefully enjoy.

As Ritchie sat with his arms folded across his chest, I thought about our "contract" and the difference between the two men.

Despite his tabloid appeal — for a time the British press made a sport of reporting on him — Ritchie strikes me as a private person. He's more interested in what he'll be working on next than the film he spent years making and has now signed off on. Or perhaps it's that, as a director, he's used to being in control and in these situations he has to cede power to the interviewer.

"We both know why we're doing it," Ritchie says, "but the red carpet last night, I'll tell you, I felt soulless after that. After ten minutes get me off there because it takes me hours to recover."

Hunnam, the performer, is immediately warm and open. When Ritchie talks about losing patience on press days Hunnam jokes, "Guy Ritchie leaves the room and Johnny Nasty shows up."

Luckily, Johnny Nasty never showed. By the end of our time together the ice broke, Ritchie's arms unfolded and he smiled. I'm not sure what happened other than he seemed to warm up to me when we talked generally about film and not specifically about King Arthur.

We traded stories, discussed King Arthur, an actor's connection to their director and not being imprisoned by fear. Maybe it was just me but for a moment it felt like we were talking over a beer in a bar and not fulfilling our respective contractual duties. It was, in his words, a little less of a dog and pony show.

"I feel more satisfied now,' said Hunnam as I left and another press person walked into the room to repeat the process. "I really felt bad after the [television] interview [with you]. I thought, 'Man, that's a serious cat and we really just f–ed around for four minutes.' I'm glad we got into some of the nitty-gritty."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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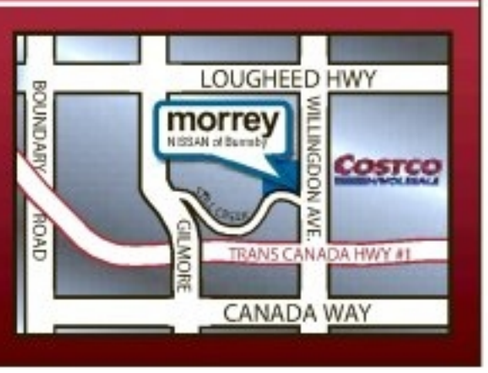

REVIEW

Humour mostly held hostage by lazy screenplay

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Amy Schumer plays Emily, a naïve slacker, and Goldie Hawn plays Linda, a homebody cat lady, in Snatched. Hijinks ensue when the mother-daughter duo travel to Ecuador. CONTRIBUTED

Snatched kidnaps laughter

Imagine the Hollywood pitch meeting where adventure comedy Snatched got the green light.

Filmmaker: "Amy Schumer and Goldie Hawn, together at last! Two generations, two funny ladies! Goldie is ending her 15-year screen retirement for this!"

Studio suit: "But the script has them being kidnapped for ransom money in South America by very bad hombres! This actually happens to people! It's not funny!"

Filmmaker: "We'll surround them with wacky actors like Wanda Sykes, Joan Cusack and Ike Barinholtz of The Mindy Project! It'll be great!"

Whether or not something like this actually occurred, Snatched is what we get. It follows the above template, except for the bit about being great, which it most certainly isn't.

The movie earns a few chuckles, but humour is largely held hostage by a lewd and lazy screenplay that wanders like Billy in The Family Circus.

Evidently the studio felt worried enough about Snatched that the decision was made to summarize the plot in a few lines of text right off the top, so people don't think anything really bad will occur in the next 90 minutes.

We're left guessing the thoughts of director Jonathan Levine (50/50, The Wackness) and screenwriter Katie Dippold (Spy, The Heat), because there's no discernible method to their madness.

Schumer is Emily, a naïve slacker who finds herself unattached, having been fired from her dead-end job and dumped by her jerk of a boyfriend.

Problem: Emily and the jerk were about to go on vacation together to South America. The tickets are non-refundable.

Solution: Travel with mom! Even though mom Linda (Hawn) is a homebody cat lady who considers foreign travel a ticket to trouble. She's almost as anti-social as Emily's pampered agoraphobic brother Jeffrey (Barinholtz).

After the usual bluster — "You don't do anything fun anymore!" — Emily and Linda find themselves sipping drinks and squabbling at a resort in Ecuador. They meet a zany pair of fellow travellers, played by Wanda Sykes and Joan Cusack, who are actually pretty funny together.

Emily and Linda also encounter the aforementioned bad hombres, led by the creepy Morgado (Oscar Jaenada), who considers them easy prey for a ransom scam.

Hijinks ensue, cautiously. Emily and Linda actually are in peril, from dangerous dudes and the encroaching jungle. Some blood is spilled.

Needless to say, Snatched isn't going to win any cultural sensitivity or tourism awards from South America.

But it also makes North Americans look bad, especially employees of the U.S. State Department, who couldn't care less about the plight of kidnapped Emily and Linda. Snatched isn't very funny, but at least it's broad-minded about its boorishness.

JOB SWAP

Schumer's court date

Amy Schumer may not be giving up comedy for a legal career, yet she took a turn in Judge Judy's seat during a Tuesday visit to the set of the syndicated courtroom show.

In a video , Schumer sits in the judge's chair and takes papers from bailiff Petri Byrd.

Byrd also posted a clip to his Instagram calling Schumer "Her Funnyness."

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INTERVIEW

Why Brendan Gleeson is so sought after

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Brendan Gleeson doesn't have the hassles of most Hollywood leading men. Bulky, gruff-looking and beaming a thick Irish brogue, the acclaimed thespian rarely even gets approached in public.

"The Harry Potter thing was just such a huge thing I suppose," admitted the man behind the fantasy franchises' Mad-Eye Moody. "But luckily enough, I was in enough get-up that people don't recognize me immediately."

Gleeson hasn't just averted the public's attention through prosthetics and extensive make-up however.

After starring in over 50 movies as everything from a Newfoundland fisherman to Winston Churchill, the versatile artist has disappeared into so many roles that he's become one of cinema's most sought-after character actors.

"I have to be honest with you, I bore myself," admitted Gleeson about his extensive range of characters. "I'm 25 years doing it so I'm sure I'm repeating myself (but) I love variety, I like the difference and finding out things. I like to be confronted with stuff I don't already know."

For his latest project, Gleeson certainly learned a lot about a slice of history previously unknown to him. After all, Alone in Berlin cast the renowned actor as a German factory worker who covertly became a Nazi protester after the death of his son in the Second World War.

"I do think that World War II is a place that would benefit from being muddied up a little bit in the sense that not everybody was a hero or a villain," explained Gleeson of the moral drama about a remarkable real-life couple that opposed Nazism by placing propagandist postcards around Berlin opposing Hitler.

While the couple's dissension may have had limited success in the history books, their futile struggle against the Nazi regime was not lost on Gleeson.

"I'm a great believer in the fact that given the chance, a human being wishes to be a decent one and the more we can look at somebody like the Quangels, it's an inspiration," said Gleeson about the film's fictional version of Otto and Elise Hampel.

"The apparent ineffectiveness of the protest, I think that's a bigger statement because it means that they were adhering to what was best of themselves."

It wasn't just the Hampels' tale that appealed to Gleeson however.

After a quarter of a century of moviemaking, the 62-year-old talent is also beginning to feel a personal responsibility to relate stories of the past to younger generations.

Gleeson himself has four sons, two of whom have followed his career path. Eldest son Domhnall has reeled off a string of strong performances in major hits including The Revenant, The Force Awakens and Brooklyn.

"I'm not sure their world will be different from that world for too much longer the way things are going," laughs Gleeson of the next generation.

"(But in) World War II, there's a certain innocence in terms of the goodies and the baddies that allows us to watch heroism without having to feel like we have to second guess it.

"Wars now are so complicated in terms of the right and the wrong that it's very difficult to find unsullied heroism."

A WISH LIST

Brendan Gleeson has worked with everyone from Martin Scorsese to Steven Spielberg. So who's left for the Irish thespian?

"The Coens for one," said Gleeson of the legendary sibling filmmakers.

"It's a sign of great creative forces when you know all the smaller parts have been given the proper creative life. It's what I love about the Coens (so) I'm hoping I work with them at some point."

Indie Vs Blockbusters

"You really have to make a kind of a splash in some of the bigger films to be taken seriously for any of the smaller films," said Gleeson.

"(But) in terms of when I have choice of work, I only go where the work is good."

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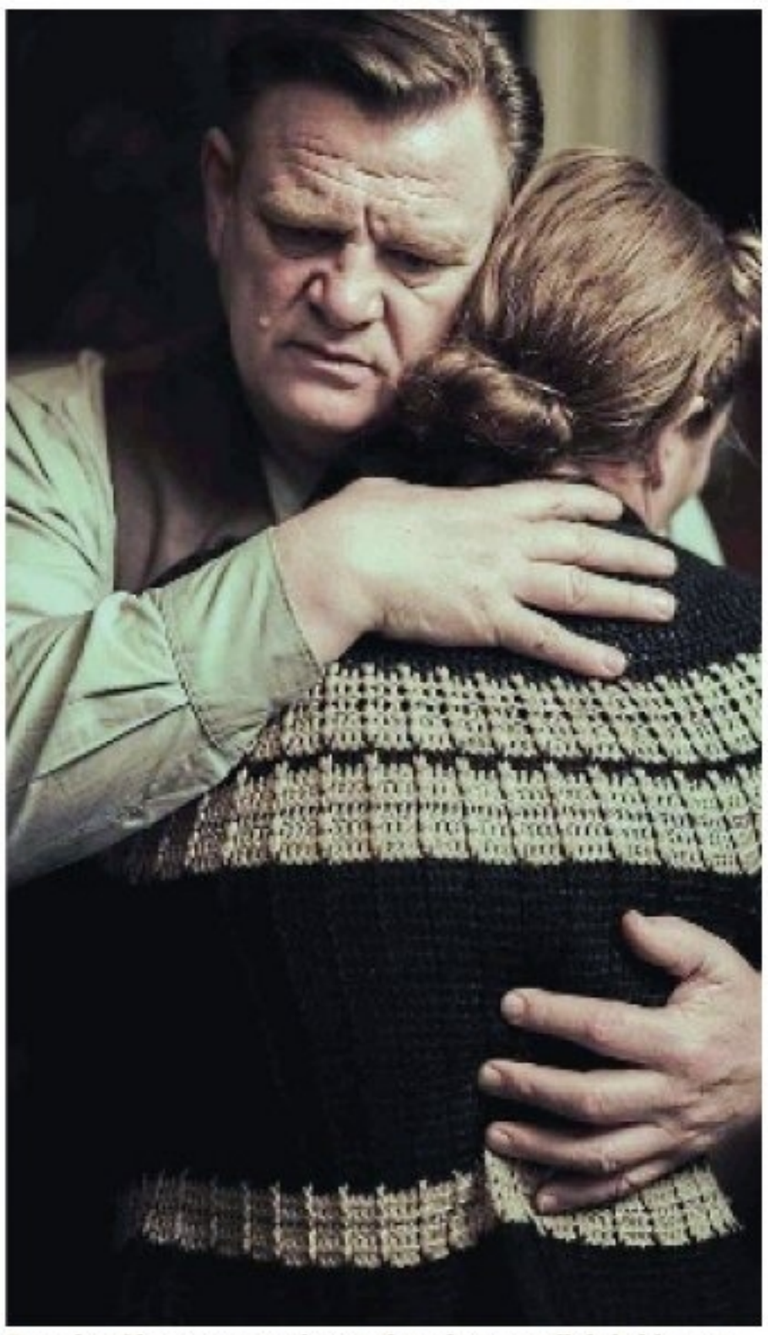

Brendan Gleeson sees plenty of modern parallels in his new World War II drama Alone in Berlin. CONTRIBUTED

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ATTRACTION

Remember the movie Avatar? Disney sure hopes you do

You may not have thought much about the 2009 movie Avatar over the past eight years, but Disney sure has.

The Magic Kingdom is wagering a reported half-billion dollars that you and zillions of other people will line up for new theme park attractions based on the movie's bioluminescent world of Pandora.

It's a major gamble, even by Disney standards. While the movie smashed box-office records thanks to its dazzling 3D effects and higher 3D ticket prices, it's also left little but a fading echo in pop-culture consciousness.

"I've never seen anybody ever walking down street wearing an Avatar t-shirt," says Martin Lewison, a theme park expert and business management professor at Farmingdale State College in New York. "There's no real emotional connection with Avatar among the public despite the movie being so popular."

Cultural plunder

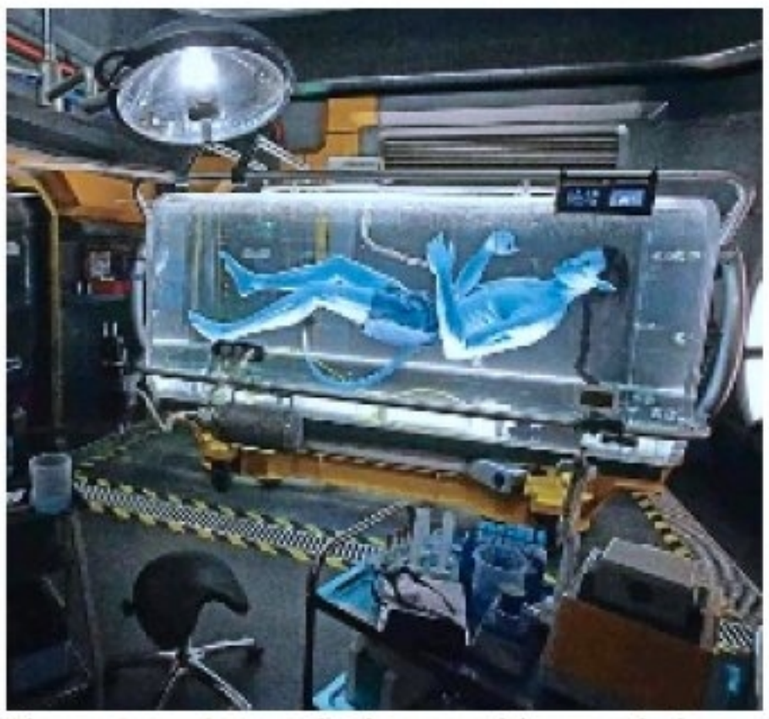
But theme parks are big business, and Disney is counting on what its executives call Avatar Land (the official name is Pandora: World of Avatar) to help keep that engine humming.

In the fiscal year that ended in October, parks and resorts accounted for 31 per cent of Disney's nearly $56 billion U.S. in revenue, though only 21 per cent of its nearly $16 billion U.S. in operating profit.

Disney also wants to prove it can turn its newer cultural properties, which include Star Wars and the Marvel superhero franchise, into popular theme-park attractions.

In that, it's basically playing catch-up with rival Universal Studios, which launched a hugely successful Harry Potter theme park in 2010.

Now the big question is whether Disney can pull that off with Avatar Land, or if it's just chasing unobtainium. (Yes, that's an Avatar reference. See?)



Director James Cameron has been promising sequels since the original premiered. Release dates for four have been pushed back again. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Odd property

James Cameron, the mercurial director famous for Titanic and several other blockbusters, has been promising Avatar sequels almost since the original premiered. One had been in development since 2010. Disney licensed the park rights in 2011, when a sequel didn't seem that far off.

Little did Disney know. In 2013, Cameron announced his intention to film three follow-on films simultaneously, for release starting in 2016. But the date was pushed back until 2017, then 2018. In March, Cameron said 2018 was "not happening." In April, he announced the start of production on four sequels now scheduled to roll out from 2020 to 2025.

That left Disney to plunge ahead on its own with Avatar Land, which opens May 27 at Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park in Florida. If all goes well, the park "will promote the films and the new films will of course circle back and promote the land," Lewison says.

Beating Harry Potter

One big reason the Walt Disney Co. has pushed ahead with Avatar Land — not to mention Star Wars-themed attractions scheduled to open in 2019 — is the rising threat posed by Universal's The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

In 2015, about 138 million people visited Walt Disney Attractions, up nearly three per cent from the prior year. Universal Parks and Resorts saw less than a third as many visitors — 45 million — but that figure was up nearly 12 per cent, according to the trade group Theme Entertainment Association.

"What Harry Potter did was to become a big public success and financial one as well," says John Gerner, managing director of theme park consulting firm Leisure Business Advisors. "It really set a new bar for our industry."

Of course, Avatar is a very different brand than Harry Potter, which has launched nine feature films to date, including an entirely new series whose second installment is due next year — well before the first Avatar sequel.

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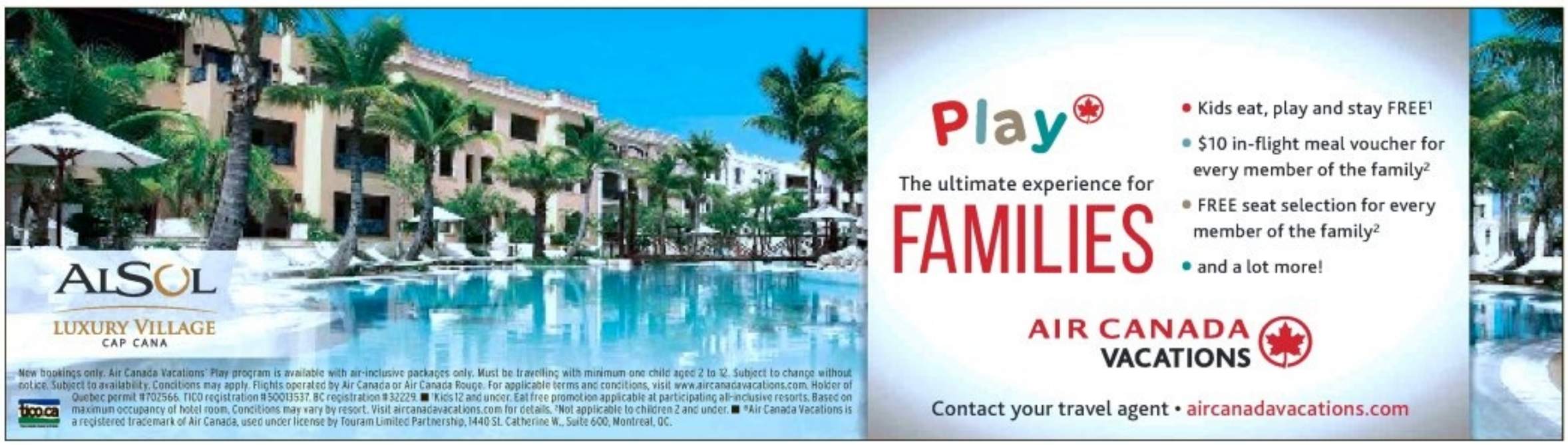
Faced with a blockbuster that hardly left an impression, Disney is focussing on the landscape and wildlife of Pandora — rather than characters —to sell the rides. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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ADVENTURE

The province is the bluefin tuna capital of the world

Jennifer Bain
For Metro Canada

A fisherman catches a bluefin tuna off the coast of Prince Edward Island. JENNIFER BAIN/TORSTAR

Things get rowdy on the Shine Shack at 10:55 a.m., two hours into our private tuna charter on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The fish finder goes berserk. There's a tuna nearby. Captain Gerard Holland rips open a cardboard box filled with a bag of herring. He and first mate Jamie Hebert toss pieces of dead, stinky fish overboard to tempt the tuna.

It's windy so guts and scales fly back and get tangled in my hair. Fishing. You either love it or you just don't get it.

"Most people, the average Joe, just want a whale-watching tour," allows Holland. "Catching a tuna can be a long, hard process."

People come from all over to fish here in the bluefin tuna capital of the world. Today, three friends from Drummondville, Quebec have booked with Wicked Sea Adventures.

First, we put out lines and troll for mackerel. They go into buckets filled with water until needed as live bait. When the tuna alarm beeps, the mackerel lines come up and three custom tuna fishing rods are let out with live bait on the hooks.

"I'd like to get a 1,000 pound one today," admits Hebert. "Call the wife and kids, tell them to come to the shore, watch the crane, get pictures."

Tuna charters in Prince Edward Island are usually catch-and-release. Unbeknownst to us, today is supposed to be different.

Holland pays upwards of $40,000 a year for the right to run catch-and-release charters and keep one tuna a year. Today, he figures, will be the day to tow the tuna back to the dock, have a crane lift it to be weighed, and then entertain offers from North American buyers or send it to Japan on consignment.

"There's a fish right there," Holland yells at 11:19 a.m. He has been tracking a "boil" — sort of a swell or wave — beside the boat. We rush to the side of the Shine Shack and peer at the sea.

"We'll have a hookup by the end of the day," vows Holland using local slang for a tuna on the line.

By noon, things quiet down. Fish eat big meals in the morning and evening and retreat from the bright, midday sun.

"Tuna fishing is kind of like bear hunting," opines Holland. "It can be hours of boredom and seconds of terror."

I may never know. I've got a flight to catch and can't risk missing it for a tuna. The captain runs me to shore, mumbling: "I hate to take people in without a fish." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The author was hosted by Tourism P.E.I., which didn't review or approve this story.

WHEN YOU GO

Do this:
Wicked Sea Adventures offers private catch-and-release bluefin tuna fishing charters for $750/half day and $1,250/full day for up to eight people. You can join public group charters for about $135/half day and $200/full day. The company also offers deep-sea fishing, whale-watching trips and lobster demos.

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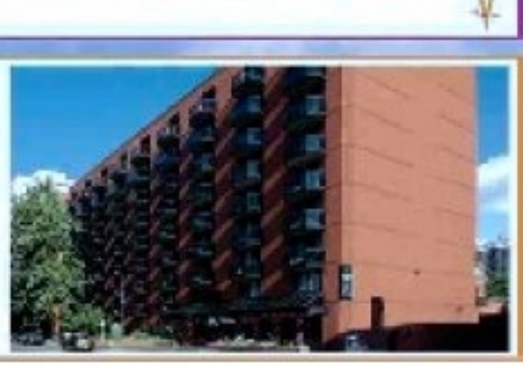

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The Russian Hockey Federation announced that Alex Ovechkin had been playing through a lower-body injury that required pain-numbing injections

Coach's bold move makes road warriors out of Caps

MLS

New attacking scheme has led to two straight away victories

With last Friday's scrappy game in Colorado grinding towards what looked like an inevitable scoreless tie midway through the second half, Vancouver Whitecaps head coach Carl Robinson had a decision to make.

He could batten down the hatches and play for a road draw or, knowing the Rapids desperately needed the three points at home, he could use his substitutions to attack.

The Welshman went with his gut, choosing to throw on three forward-thinking players in a gamble that paid off when Brek Shea snatched a late winner for Vancouver's second consecutive away victory.

"Maybe I'm just crazy," Robinson joked this week after practice in Vancouver when quizzed about the decision. "I needed to change the swing of the game.

"You can put defensive substitutions on and try and shut up shop and get a point or you can try and be proactive."

With road results so hard to come by in Major League Soccer, and their lungs barking at them in a game played more than 1,600 metres above sea level, the Whitecaps would have been forgiven had they decided to go the other way with 25 minutes to go.

"It was a risk," Robinson conceded. "We went for three points and we managed to get three points.

"If it wouldn't have happened I'm sure you would have asked me why I didn't bring on three defensive subs."

Staying on the front foot by introducing the likes of Shea, Alphonso Davies and Nicolas Mezquida off the bench as they did in Colorado is something the Whitecaps talked about when they started a stretch of four games away from home last month.

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Vancouver has never won in Houston, earning just a single point there all-time in four games.

Robinson's men dropped the opener of the trip 2-1 to the Portland Timbers in a match where they probably deserved a better fate before grabbing a 2-1 win over the Montreal Impact and that 1-0 triumph in Colorado.

"It's always hard going away," said Vancouver goalkeeper David Ousted. "I think this team has got that courage this year. Hopefully most of the time it will tip our way."

The Whitecaps (4-4-1) had registered just a solitary MLS away victory over the last 10 months prior to the breakthrough in Montreal, but now look like road warriors ahead of Friday's visit to Houston for a match against the Dynamo (5-3-1).

"We just want to keep building, keep moving forward, keep continuing to get better," said Vancouver defender Sheanon Williams. "We did that last week with the shutout.

"Hopefully we can build on that and have another good performance."

Part of the reason for Vancouver's recent success has been the decision to go with the same starting 11 the last three weeks in a 4-1-4-1 formation — a setup that forces the Whitecaps to stay positive and push forward.

Carl Robinson
THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **We're competitive, we're tough, we work them hard. If you do that then eventually the rewards will come.**
> Carl Robinson

Robinson made the switch in Portland with what at the time was his 10th different starting lineup of the season in Vancouver's 10 combined CONCACAF Champions League and MLS matches.

It looks like that group might get a fourth consecutive opportunity on Friday.

"Results breeds confidence," said Robinson. "There's going to be ups and downs along the way, but I've got a really good group here now.

"We're competitive, we're tough, we work them hard. If you do that then eventually the rewards will come."

Especially when the coach is willing to roll the dice.

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IN BRIEF

Jays tee off on Mariners

Steve Pearce hit a three-run homer and Marco Estrada had eight strikeouts over six innings as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Seattle Mariners 7-2 on Thursday night at Rogers Centre.

Pearce's blast capped a five-run fifth inning against Seattle starter Chase De Jong. Justin Smoak hit a solo shot and drove in four runs for the Blue Jays, who have won four of their last five games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

White nixes GSP fight

UFC president Dana White has pulled the plug on Georges St-Pierre's comeback fight against middleweight champion Michael Bisping.

St-Pierre, who has not fought since November 2013, says he is ready to fight after October.

"The thing was supposed to happen in July.... We're not waiting for GSP," White told Fox Sports Australia.

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Successful debut at Players for Canadian

Canadian rookie Mackenzie Hughes played bogey-free in his debut at The Players Championship and shot 5-under 67 to share the lead with William McGirt after an opening round that showed anew that the TPC Sawgrass has surprises around every corner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The *Ultimate* Coconut Chocolate Banana Bread

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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The search is over! This loaf is the ultimate banana bread combining loads of chocolate, flakey coconut and slivered almonds.

Ready in1 hour and 10 minutes
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 55 minutes
Makes: 1 loaf

Ingredients
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (1 stick)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 4 tbsp almond milk
- 2 cups spelt flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1/4 cup unsweetened flaked coconut

Directions

1. Preheat your oven to 350 and grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.

2. Set aside. Cream butter and sugar with a hand blender or stand mixer. Add one egg. Mix in mashed bananas and almond milk.

3. In a separate bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Add flour mixture in stages to butter mix incorporated after each addition. Fold in the chips, coconut and almond slivers. Pour into prepared baking pan; tapping pan down to make sure it's evenly distributed.

4. Bake in the oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool on a rack for a few minutes. Turn out of pan and store in a plastic bag for up to a week.

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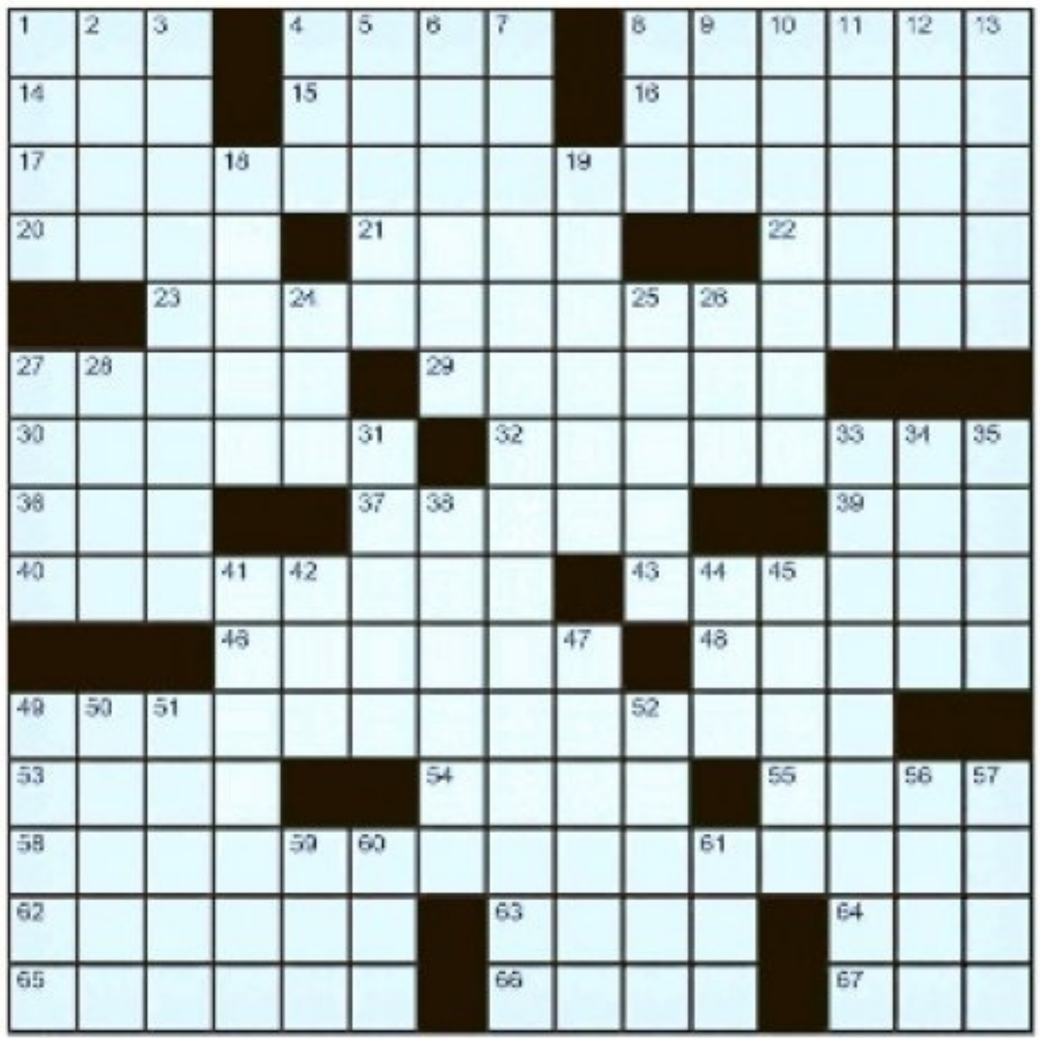

ACROSS
1. '_' _ for Digby
4. Reckons
8. Least wild
14. Grocery store, e.g.
15. Get set, for short
16. "There _ _ many people!" (It's so crowded!)
17. Bre-X, basically: 3 wds.
20. Latin hymn: "Dies _"
21. Ms. Russell of "Felicity"
22. "_ _ Miracle" by Culture Club
23. Narrating protagonist in Canadian writer Robertson Davies' 1970 novel Fifth Business: 2 wds.
27. Room-enough-to-fit requirement
29. Retro album's protection
30. Author: French
32. Theatrical production backdrop: 2 wds.
36. "Diamonds _ Forever" (1971)
37. Impede, in law
39. Mon's weekly follower
40. Ukraine: Odessa = 'The Pearl of the _ _'
43. Canadian sweets shoppe, Laura _
46. Detect that noise: 2 wds.
48. Old El Paso creations
49. One might offer ziplining, hiking, water slides, and loads of other fun activities: 2 wds.
53. Barbarian
54. Nero's 1151
55. Night _ (Staying-up-late people)
58. Couch potato's prized techie possession: 2 wds.
62. Ms. Shire's of "Rocky" (1976)
63. Rockefeller Center muralist
64. Olive of cartoons
65. Kiosks
66. Cupid's ancient Greek counterpart
67. OR on-callers

DOWN
1. Techie-sounding prefix
2. Pet bat on "The Munsters"
3. Orange Pekoe brand: 2 wds.
4. Music pace in 60 seconds [acronym]
5. Mr. Estrada's John Philip _ (b.1854 - d.1932)
13. NBC's morning show
18. Mr. Bigalow, Male Gigolo
19. Workday hours, _ _ five
24. Modern: German
25. Collects, as crops
26. Li'l norm
27. Swedish car
28. Knit one _ two...
31. Convened for a meeting once more
33. Kim of Canadian trio Shaye
34. 2002-debuting coin
35. Mr. Knight's
38. Skincare formulas
41. Gourmet's parsley
42. Mattel guy
44. 7th Greek letter
45. Ricochet shot in billiards
47. Penn & _ (Magic act)
49. Borders
50. Robert of "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (1939)
51. "There you are!"
52. FOX News host, Judge Jeanine _
56. Space travel distance, for short: 2 wds.
57. Salts, in Sherbrooke
59. 'Arbor' suffix
60. Beatles drummer's initials-sharers
61. Abbr. aliens
6. Principles
7. Space-saving access in a multi-level condo: 2 wds.
8. Identify
9. Rover's response!
10. Prosper _ (19th-century French writer)
11. Les _-Unis (USA)
12. 'The March King',

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are so enthusiastic that you can sell anything to anyone today — your words are like gold! This is a great day for those of you who sell, market, teach, act, write or drive for a living.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
"There's money in them thar hills!" Oh yes, your enthusiasm will attract money to you today. You will do well in all financial negotiations. Ka-ching!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You can take it to the bank today, because you are powerful. No matter what you do, you will come out smelling like a rose. Use this strong energy for creating good in the world around you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You appreciate the behind-the-scenes support you get from others at this time. Something good and beneficial will come from this. Look for ways to make this happen.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Your ability to deal with others today, especially in groups, is stellar! Today you are a natural leader, which is why everyone will take their cue from you. Ah, maestro!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today your ambition is aroused. You will act with skillful means, which is why this is an excellent day to talk to bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. You look like a winner!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a fast-paced day full of detours and exciting changes! Even your mind is full of quickly changing thoughts and clever ideas.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Travel plans totally appeal to you today. This is the perfect day to discuss matters related to publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You couldn't pick a better day to discuss inheritances and shared property because everyone probably will be fair; nevertheless, you are in a winning position. Oh, yes! Do something.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will be extremely productive at work today. You have great energy and wonderful intuition about how to use it to get the most bang for your buck. You also feel healthy and vigorous!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is the perfect day for a vacation. It's also a great day to schmooze with your friends and enjoy social outings, sports events and playful activities with children.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Whatever you do at home today will bring about positive results for you. Likewise, this is an excellent day to pursue real-estate deals.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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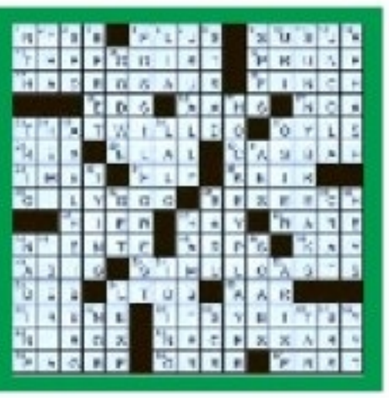

EVERYBODY GETS APPROVED!

- ☑ BAD CREDIT
- ☑ NO CREDIT
- ☑ WRITE-OFFS
- ☑ SLOW PAYMENTS
- ☑ REPOSSESSIONS
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- ☑ JUDGEMENTS
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54994B

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TREKKING, MOONROOF, LEATHER, NAVIGATION, LOW, LOW KMS !

$15,971

55873A

2013 BMW 328I
XDRIVE, 4 DOOR, AUTO, POWER MOONROOF, LEATHER, SPORTS PACKAGE, 32000 KMS

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55077A

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55917A

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55914A

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